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Legislative Update, Week of April 2, 2010

On Monday, March 29th, Gov. Ritter signed House Bill 1008, sponsored by Reps. Sue Schafer and Beth McCann and Sens. Morgan Carroll and Gail Schwartz. The new law will prevent insurance companies in the individual market from discriminating against women when setting health insurance rates.

Senate Bill 114, Colorado Taxpayer Transparency Act of 2010, sponsored by Senator Carroll and Representative Weissman, was heard in on Second reading on Thursday. The bill extends the application of the "Colorado Open Records Act" (CORA) to all writings made, maintained, or kept by any entity that receives public moneys or performs a governmental or other public function and that relate to the receipt of the public moneys or the performance of that function. Each contract for the performance of a governmental or other public function entered into on or after the effective date of the bill shall specify that the records and files relating to the costs or any performance measures under the contract that are made, maintained, or kept by any entity that is a party to the contract shall be open for public inspection in accordance with CORA. This does not require a private entity to make any materials available for inspection that do not relate to the contract for the performance of a governmental or other public function.

On Wednesday, Senate Bill 029, Concerning the Creation of Government Efficiencies, sponsored by Senator Penry, was heard for discussion only in the Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee. This bill creates efficiencies and cost savings in state and local government through a number of cost-savings measures.

House Bill 1213, Concerning the Elimination of an Individualized Plan for a Person with Developmental Disabilities who is on the Waiting List for Services, sponsored by Representative Acree and Senator Keller, passed with amendments on Thursday of this week on Second Reading in the House Health and Human Services Committee. The bill eliminates the statutory requirement that an individualized plan be created within 30 days after a person with developmental disabilities is determined to be eligible for services and supports. The bill also eliminates the annual review of an individualized plan for a person with developmental disabilities who is on the waiting list for services or supports. A community centered board is required to develop an individualized plan for a person with developmental disabilities when the person is enrolled into a program.

House Bill 1376, Long Appropriations Bill, sponsored by the Joint Budget Committee, was introduced in the House this week. The JBC are working to finalize many of the recommendations.

If you have any questions about any of the information contained in this report, please contact Ginny Brown and 303-815-0652 or Nicole Storm at 303-748-5310